

## NAVAL OFFICERS MAY RISE.

Opportunities Which Sea Service Offers to Ambitious Young Men.

Captain Mahan in the Forum: There remains the consideration of the navy as a career relatively to its place in the social organization. The consideration accorded to a profession in any society depends not upon its intrinsic merits or advantages, but upon the general aims and pursuits of that society, and upon the value to its interest that it recognizes in the profession in question. A combination of circumstances which it is needless here to analyze have contributed to fasten the attention of the citizens of the United States pretty exclusively upon the internal affairs of the country, and to attach to the making and having of money an importance paramount to that of all other factors in life. Undoubtedly many other human interests claim and receive a certain share of attention; but money, as the representative of power and the means of gratification, may without exaggeration be said to have no competitor so close as to be accurately called a rival. In the navy money will not be found; and as, if it stands for anything, it stands for the representation of external interests, it falls there to touch keenly the chords that respond to the sense of danger or advantage near at hand. As a matter of fact, the external interests which are now generally recognized as calling for the existence and maintenance of a navy concern but a very small proportion of our citizens—those who either reside or have business interests in foreign lands where political conditions are unsettled and justice at times hard to obtain. Whether a wide-embracing view of national interests will in the future be justified, and, if justified, will be reached by so large a number of our people as to constitute anything like a national sentiment, is a question upon which it is impossible to speak with certainty. My own opinion is that within the probable lifetime of one now entering the service such a sentiment will have become general, owing to the course that external events are likely to take; not by the initiative of our own country, but by the action of other states. If this should come to pass the navy will undoubtedly gain that width of sympathy and recognition which, by the dignity it confers, is of itself no slight advantage to be considered in the choice of a profession. In no event will there be money in it, but there may always be honor and quietness of mind and worthy occupation, which are better guarantees of happiness.

## THE BLENHEIM SPANIEL.

Most Lovable of the Four-Footed Pets of Womankind.

Of all the pets of womankind, babies alone excepted, there is nothing more lovable than the tiny Blenheim spaniel, says an exchange. Why this breed of dogs has the name of the palace of the duke of Marlborough no one seems to know. The story goes, however, that the first duke had the breed and that, on a friend's requesting a puppy, he refused to part with one, but at the same time took two or three blind whelps and threw them to tame eagles. But in the year 1800 his grace the duke of Marlborough was reputed to possess the smallest and best breed of cockers (woodcock spaniels) in Britain. They were invariably red and white, with very long ears, short noses and black eyes. They were evidently the ancestors of the present Blenheims, which are still bred by the keepers of the lodge at Blenheim and some of the inhabitants of Woodstock. But there is little doubt that they have been crossed with the pug to give them the very short snub noses which they now possess. Moreover, the breed has become very delicate and difficult to rear. They suffer from brain disease and are more likely than any other dog to die in puppyhood. "Idstone," the celebrated writer on dogs, remembers the time when the Blenheims were mainly bred in the vicinity of the palace. He suggests as a probably origin of the Blenheims the Japanese toy spaniel. The surmise seems very probable. As it is the ambition of every English woman to own one of these tiny creatures they will probably some day be the rage in this country; therefore, it is well to know something of their pedigree.

## The Crawfish's Tail.

The tail of the crawfish serves that animal as an ear. By a peculiar jerk of the tail the animal can retire from a dangerous object with almost incredible swiftness. The tail is much more effective in moving the animal backward than forward, a singular instance of adaptation to its situation, for by means of its tail it can withdraw into its hole with such swiftness that in an instant to place it out of danger.

## Miss Braddon's Productions.

Some one with a taste for figures has noticed the fact that Miss Braddon, the novelist, has in the thirty-three years since she began to write produced just sixty romances, each of them in three volumes, making 180 in all. She has, therefore, made copy enough for six printed pages on each day in all those years.

## A Heavy Horse.

The heaviest horse in New England is said to be owned in Somerset, Vt., and used in lumbering on the mountains. It is a Clydesdale, is 5 years old, stands eighteen hands high, and weighs 2,100 pounds. A horse weighing 1,500 pounds is noticeably big.

## An Odd Instrument.

An odd instrument has just been invented combining a fan and an ear-trumpet. The deaf lady, when she wishes to hear what is being said, folds up her fan into a shape somewhat like the paper packets used by grocers, and applies the small end to her ear.

## ALKALI IKE AT A WEDDING.

He Describes What Occurred Out at Old Juckett's Place.

From the New York Herald: "Did you attend the wedding out at old man Juckett's place last night, Ike?" asked Judge Stringer, the well known Oklahoma jurist.

"Yep!" answered Alkali Ike. "Had a lively time, I presume?" "Eh—yah! some ways it was middlin' lively, and other ways it was slower than snails. Thar was no shootin', an' the lickin' was mizzable. But take it all around, up one side and down the other, it was what you might call a pleasant affair from start to finish. The preacher didn't show up at the appointed hour, but we didn't miss him for quite a spell, owin' to the fact that the bride's mother, who 'peared to be an advanced woman, sorter objected to Kickapoo Pete, who was supposed to be the groom, and got after him with a soap paddle or suthin' of the kind and chased him all over the lot.

"She needn't have put herself to the trouble, for the bride got to thinkin' the matter over an' concluded that she'd jest as soon marry Three-Fingered Babcock, who'd sorter been shinnin' round her some time before, an' she didn't know but she'd a little sooner. Nacheral enough, this kinder riled Kickapoo, an' him an' Three-Fingered got to jowerin' over it, an' I reckon they would have fought it out if Jim Whipsaw, from the Rattlesnake place ranch, hadn't pacified 'em an' got 'em to playin' cards to settle the question.

"This promised to satisfy all parties concerned, but the bride found out that Three-Fingered had put up \$2.60 on his side against her hand in marriage, which Kickapoo had staked, which made her so blamed mad that she swore that if they didn't value her pure affection at more than \$2.60 she'd be hanged if she'd marry either of 'em! This sorter complicated matters again, but Jim Whipsaw soothed an' comforted her, an' when the preacher showed up, by gosh, Miss Daisy an' Jim stepped forward, hand in hand, to be married. "Meanwhile Kickapoo had put up \$2.60 against Three-Fingered's stakes, an' they were playin' along as contented as a couple of kittens. They slipped their hands into a book and gave it to Appetite Bill to hold while the preacher was gittin' off the solemn words that made the two young hearts one. An' then, after they had congratulated the bride, thar came the call to supper, an' so they concluded to make it a show-down. Accordin', Appetite Bill opened the book, an' buccussed if both hands didn't consist of four aces and a king. Thereupon they divided the stakes an' shook hands. An' then everybody adjourned to the supper table, feelin' that it was indeed good to be thar."

## THE QUAIL WERE DRUNK.

And the Bold Pot-Hunter Got a Bag with Ease.

"I was out hunting quail in a big vineyard near Santa Rosa a few days ago," remarked Superior Judge Dougherty of Sonoma county to a San Francisco Post reporter, "and I got the finest bag of birds I ever shot in my life. When I first went into the vineyard I thought I was shooting at tame quail, for they wouldn't fly till I came near stepping on them, and then they would wobble off through the air in the most erratic way. They would only fly a short distance till they would drop into a grapevine, as if their wings had given out.

"My dog kept bringing me live quail, which I thought I had wounded, but finally when I had three dozen birds and had fired only about a dozen shots I knew there was something wrong somewhere.

"Finally I came upon a quail lying on its back and kicking its feet in the air in the most peculiar way. I picked it up and found it uninjured, so far as I could see. Then I set it on its legs and it went staggering and floundering over the clods a few feet till it fell on its back again and lay kicking helplessly.

"For the first time it occurred to me that the quail were drunk. They had been feeding on the frost-bitten grapes that had fermented on the vines and were enjoying the wildest kind of a jag. Some could not move, while the soberest couldn't fly fast enough to get out of the way of a clod."

## A High Old Time.

A picnic 10,500 feet above sea level was recently given on the top of the Languard, in Southern Switzerland, by Sir Seymour and Lady King. The women were carried up on chaises by a porteur, used for the first time on the mountain, by Italian bearers, the Swiss mountaineers having refused to undertake the risk.

## The Stomach, Not the Heart.

Nothing is more common than for persons to imagine that they have heart disease, and they often make themselves dreadfully uncomfortable in consequence. In the overwhelming majority of cases, more particularly in young, nervous, fanciful people, the heart is as sound as a bell, but the stomach is out of order.

## A Mount Vernon Society.

Steps will soon be taken in Maryland to organize among the women of the state a Mount Vernon society, whose first object will be to perpetuate patriotism and the second to assist in the preservation of Mount Vernon, the old Washington homestead on the Potomac river.

## The Greatest Structure.

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Banner of Liberty, Cleburn, Texas. Weekly, \$1.50 a year.

Boston Daily Standard, Boston, Mass. 6 days a week, \$6.00 a year.

Denver (Col.) American, Weekly, \$2.00 a year.

Freedom's Banner, Louisville, Ky. Weekly, \$1.00 a year.

Independent, Kenosha, Wisconsin. Weekly, \$1.00 a year.

Independent, Leader, Bridgeport, Conn. Weekly, \$1.50 a year.

Justice, Louisville, Ky. Weekly, \$2.00 a year.

Liberty, Galesburg, Ill. Weekly, \$1.50 a year.

Nation, The, Omaha, Neb. Monthly, \$1.00 a year.

Patriotic American, Detroit, Mich. Weekly, \$2.00 a year.

Portland, Portland, Ore. Weekly, \$1.00 a year.

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American Protestant, Cincinnati, Ohio.

American Citizen, Tusculum, Wash.

Chicago Sentinel, Chicago, Ill.

Erie Advertiser, Erie, Penn.

Loyal American, Altoona, Penn.

Leader, Bridgeport, Conn.

Lowell Herald, Lowell, Mass.

Primitive Catholic, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Progressive American, Lebanon, Pa.

Southern Eagle, Augusta, Georgia.

Triumph of Thought, San Francisco, Cal.

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